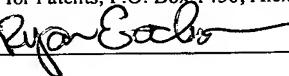


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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR. § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Michael J. Berman, Steven E. Reder and Hemanshu Bhatt

For: **MECHANISM FOR IMPROVING THE STRUCTURAL INTEGRITY OF LOW-K FILMS**

Assigned to: LSI Logic Corporation

Application Elements:

- 23** Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- 4** Sheets of formal Drawings
- 3** Pages Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- Do not publish this application. Nonpublication Request is attached.
- Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet
- 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - Copies of IDS Citations
- Preliminary Amendment
- Return Receipt Postcard
- Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

- Priority of Application No. filed on
is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.
- The certified copy is enclosed.
 The certified copy has been filed in prior application U.S. Application No.
 The certified copy will follow.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

- Applicant is entitled to Small Entity Status under 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

	(Col. 1) Total Claims		(Col. 2) Claims	(Col. 3) Present Extra	Rate	Additional Fee
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- The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$828.00 (filing fee, extra claim and assignment fee), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 12-2252 (Order No. 03-0962).

General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

- Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 12-2252 (Order No. 03-0962).

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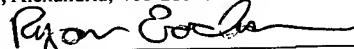
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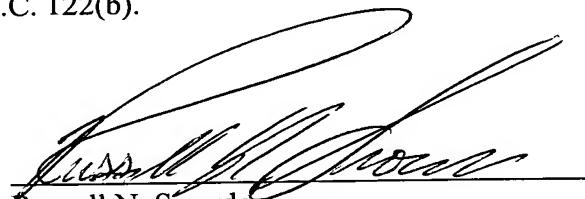
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(35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i))**

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